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Classified By: DCM Robert S. Deutsch for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) On the margins of CENTCOM Commander GEN Abizaid's January 11 meeting with Foreign Minister Gul, PolMilCouns delivered reftel points to MFA DDG for the Middle East Safak Gokturk. Gokturk said Turkey would continue pressing for the fullest possible participation in Iraqi elections (a point Gul later made to GEN Abizaid, septel).  
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